

**GCS CELEBRATES**

# WOMEN'S

**HISTORY MONTH**

March 27, 2022

## GCS School Bond 2022



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## Traditional Bus Service Resumes to All Guilford County Schools

All students in Guilford County Schools (GCS) will once again have access to

traditional GCS yellow bus service beginning on April 4.

Thanks to an innovative partnership with the cities of Greensboro and High Point, students at Page High, Grimsley High, Smith High, Dudley High, Andrews High, Kearns Academy, High Point Central High, and The Academy at Smith have been able to use public transportation since January, and now will have the option to ride yellow school buses. Students are also encouraged to continue using public transit if they prefer, and they will be able to ride free of charge if they present their GCS OneCard.

Bus riders in these eight schools can find updated bus route information in [the Here Comes the Bus app](#). All students should check their bus route information as some students will receive new routes, stop locations, and stop times. New bus route information will also be distributed by the assigned school. All students who have used temporary school shuttles will transition back to yellow bus service.

“We are pleased to be able to resume bus service to all of our students, but I think it is important to remember that our work continues to ensure we can sustain student transportation,” said Michelle Reed, Chief Operations Officer for Guilford County Schools. “Like districts across the country, we are still experiencing a historic bus driver shortage.”

The temporary suspension of transportation to eight schools was the result of multiple factors. Since January, the number of COVID-19 cases has declined, and a perfect attendance bonus for bus drivers has improved absence rates. GCS has also been able to hire 16 new drivers and is still in need of an additional 54 drivers to be fully staffed. Go to <https://www.gcsnc.com/domain/229> for more information about becoming a bus driver in GCS.

## GCS Receiving \$2 Million for Tutoring Initiative

Guilford County Schools (GCS) and US Rep. Kathy Manning (NC-06) announced that GCS will receive \$2 million to support the district’s tutoring initiative established during the COVID-19 pandemic to help accelerate learning.

Guilford County Schools’ tutoring program, [which has garnered national acclaim](#), currently employs approximately 400 tutors and serves an estimated 3,600 students. These tutors are a mix of graduate assistants from UNCG and NC A&T State University, GCS high school students, GCS teachers and community partners. The \$2 million will allow GCS to fund more graduate assistants, expand tutoring subject offerings and ultimately serve more students.



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## Board Approves \$2 Million Transfer to School Safety and Security Project

The Board of Education approved the transfer of \$2 million slated for improvements at

Smith High to be moved to the School Safety and Security Improvements Project Ordinance.

The funds had been earmarked to expand the Smith High Signature Academy of Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering into a new building or add square footage to the current building. However, since Smith High is scheduled for a full renovation in the next phase of the [master facilities plan](#), the district will instead keep Smith High at its current footprint.

The district is still moving forward with significant work at Smith High, with plans to use a \$2 million grant from the North Carolina General Assembly specifically for the Signature Career Academy (SCA) programs. The grant will support a \$1.5 million redesign and upfit of the Smith High SCA space. The school's Career and Technical Education wing will receive cosmetic finishes, wayfinding signage, state-of-the-art equipment, software and look-in collaborative workspaces for the SCA staff and community.

The school board also approved a request to the Board of County Commissioners for an additional \$4.4 million in two-thirds bonds for radio systems that can be used during emergencies to communicate with law enforcement and first responders, as well as internal use.

In 2018, the Board of County Commissioners [authorized \\$10 million](#) for safety and security improvements in Guilford County Schools. Of that \$10 million, \$600,000 has been spent on a study to create the specifications included in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the radio communications project.

## Guilford County Council of PTAs Now Accepting Board Nominations

The Guilford County Council of PTAs is currently accepting nominations for its 2022-2023 Board. Available positions include President, Vice President 1, Vice President 2, Secretary and Treasurer. The Guilford County Council of PTAs' mission is to make every child's potential a reality and to be a powerful voice for all children. GCC of PTAs strives to serve as a relevant resource for families, communities and schools.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please complete the [GCC of PTAs Nomination Form](#). You must be or become a member in good standing of the PTA to be considered. The **deadline is April 4 at noon**.

## National Volunteer Week April 17-23, 2022



Sessions will be virtual. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3hw0hsE>. A link to join the session will be sent via email and the book will be sent through U.S. mail. Jason's Deli snack boxes will be provided during the last session.

To learn more about this series or other GPA offerings, visit [www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com), email [parentacademy@gcsnc.com](mailto:parentacademy@gcsnc.com) or call 336.279.4924.

## Week of the Young Child (WOTYC)

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April 2-8, 2022

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**Monday  
April 4**

### Music Monday

Virtual concert from local artist Finn Phoenix at 6:30pm on @GuilfordKids Facebook Live

**Tuesday  
April 5**

### Let's Talk Tuesday

Focus on Families discussion with Kellin Foundation at 6:30pm on @GuilfordKids Facebook Live

**Wednesday  
April 6**

### Work Together Wednesday

Virtual Resource Fair featuring The Basics Guilford at 11am on @GuilfordKids Facebook Live

**Thursday  
April 7**

### Thriving Thursday

Family Nature Walk and free giveaways at Barber Park in Greensboro from 5:30-6:30pm. Open to first 25 families who register at [guilfordchildren.org](http://guilfordchildren.org)

**Friday  
April 8**

### Family Fun Day Friday

2022 NC Pre-K Ann Kirby Memorial Award winners announcement at 10am on @GuilfordKids Facebook Live, followed by Drive-Thru event at the Fairview Family Resource Center in High Point from 4-6:30pm

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